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DAVE DURIAN: One minute you're talking about sports or a favorite restaurant.

ROD DANIELS: The next minute you are involved in the world of espionage. Sound like the plot of a bad novel? Well, not at all. In fact, that's often how people with sensitive jobs get sucked into the spy game in real life.

Maryland is a prime target for the Soviets.

Rich Hollander explains the hows and whys in the second part of his cover story, spies and their "Best Kept Secrets."

[Film clip]

RICH HOLLANDER: This is a scene from the movie "The Falcon and the Snowman." The real-life Falcon is Christopher Boyce, who can't go to movies anymore. He is serving a 40-year jail sentence for selling spy satellite information to the Soviets while working for TRW, a defense contractor.

CHRISTOPHER BOYCE: No American who has gone to the KGB has not come to regret it.

HOLLANDER: Each day, tens of thousands of workers pour out of defense plants in Maryland back to their families, barbecues, bowling leagues, after building weapons which will someday be aimed at the Soviet Union. And like Boyce, some of them may carry secrets.

Who are the spies?

MAN: They're tall. They're small. They're short, fat. They're think. They're old. They're women. They're men. No way to stereotype them.

HOLLANDER: Defense contractors in Maryland spend millions to keep potential traitors, like Christopher Boyce, from working in their plants. And the FBI is increasing its efforts to educate those who might be trapped into committing treason.

Be aware. The Soviet approach is often subtle.

DAVE MAJOR: He's got to beat you mentally. And the first thing he's going to do is create the illusion that the relationship is devoid of danger. If you like hockey, he's going to like hockey. If your wife likes to sew, gee, his wife doesn't speak English very well and he'd like to have her come out and meet you, but he'll talk about your wife.

And when he realizes that he sees something in you, sees something about that you're frustrated in life, either professionally, personally, that there's some [unintelligible] there that would motivate you to cooperate with me -- and you may not even perceive it right away -- then he'll try to exploit that.

HOLLANDER: Arkady Shevchenko, the highest-ranking Soviet official ever to effect, is keenly aware of KGB tactics.

ARKADY SHEVCHENKO: If you're in financial trouble, I can arrange for a loan. And I can do some other things for you.

Never accept the friendliness, openness, you know, all kind of the things -- just simply invited to your house, talk freely, I mean, and all kind of other things. My advise is that in meeting with any Soviet, you have to, in my view, to report that to FBI.

HOLLANDER: Christopher Boyce, the convicted spy we saw in the story, has called security checks a joke. Effective or not, the Defense Department checks out all people applying for jobs with defense contractors if the position concerns classified information.

DANIELS: Rich, you have a very interesting series. And I guess many of us are really realizing how close we are to the spy game.

What do you have coming up in part three?

HOLLANDER: Tomorrow we talk to a man who was on the KGB payroll for nearly ten years, and all the while remained a loyal American.